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[redacted] a summary of Soviet military activity and the movement of Soviet troops and military equipment along the Iranian border between 18 March and 8 April 1951. [redacted]

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1. Dzhulfa
4 or 5 April

Eight boxcars carrying troops and one artillery piece were observed going west by rail from Ordubad to Dzhulfa.

2. Sia Rud
28 March

Eight soldiers, two of whom were unarmed females, and 90 men and women detained opposite Noodi. Ninety men and women boarded the same train, which was headed toward Baku.

29 March

At Noodi a westbound train was observed carrying 36 carloads of unarmed troops. At the Noodi railroad stop about 30 civilians got off this train cheering and shouting.

4 April

Five carloads of unarmed troops were observed going westbound by rail toward Dzhulf. The same number of cars of unarmed troops was observed going east by rail toward Baku.

6 April

There was rifle practice at Ordubad.

3. Khuda Afarin
28 March

There was rifle practice north of Paichi
(not located) and at Minjiabad (Menjinabad?).

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Eight cars containing 300 or more troops between the ages of 20 and 25 went by rail toward Baku.

4. Garmi
25 March

Soviet activity was being stepped up in this area. Trenches, roads, and lines of communication were being repaired.

3 April

The Soviets were repairing roads, plowing, and at some spots in the area laying barbed wire.

4 April

Activity in this area was reported to be increasing daily. The number of patrols in this area was on the increase. Women were engaged in trench repairs. The Soviets did mapping and surveying.

5. Astara
18-20 March

Road traffic north and southbound between Astara and Lenkoran included 20 vehicles carrying 15 officers and 46 troops; three groups of unarmed and two complete (sic) groups of armed troops.

Road traffic east and westbound between Astara and Masjed Mahalleh included 20 vehicles carrying 11 officers, 91 armed and 26 unarmed troops, and 14 civilians.

Road traffic east and westbound between Masjed Mahalleh and the post farthest west under observation included 22 vehicles carrying 235 armed and eight unarmed troops and eight officers; eight armed troops on foot.

21 March

Road traffic north and southbound between Astara and Lenkoran included 27 vehicles carrying 18 officers, 180 armed troops, two civilians, and six unarmed troops.

Road traffic east and westbound between Astara and Masjed Mahalleh included 20 vehicles carrying eight officers, 80 armed and 48 unarmed troops; three civilians and one group of armed troops on foot, one group of armed troops on horseback.

Road traffic east and westbound between Masjed Mahalleh and the last western post under observation included 17 vehicles carrying six officers, 55 armed and eight unarmed troops, and 14 civilians.

28-29 March
(report for two days)

Road traffic between Astara and the Ardebil road to Lenkoran (sic) included 16 vehicles carrying 13 officers and 12 troops; one officer on horseback.

Westbound road traffic from Astara to Masjed Mahalleh included 18 vehicles (two were trucks loaded with troops) carrying eight officers, 16 unarmed and 29 armed troops; 16 armed and two unarmed troops on horseback.

Two truckloads of troops went from Qapchi Mahalleh (not located) to Alachai (38-27N, 48-47E).

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East and westbound road traffic between Masjed Mahalleh and the last post to the west under observation included seven truckloads of troops, one truckload of civilians, two carts carrying 10 armed troops and one officer, and four armed soldiers on horseback.

2-3 April
(report for two days)

North and southbound road traffic between Astara and Lenkoran included 41 vehicles carrying 21 officers, 159 armed and 12 unarmed troops, 27 civilians; one group of armed troops on foot.

One group of soldiers and two officers went from Astara to Lenkoran on foot.

Two groups of troops were observed moving behind the Astara garrison.

East and westbound road traffic between Astara and Masjed Mahalleh included 12 vehicles carrying nine officers, 40 armed and 24 unarmed troops, and six civilians; two civilians on bicycles and one group of troops on horseback.

East and westbound road traffic between Masjed Mahalleh and the post farthest west under observation included 26 vehicles carrying 91 armed troops, 35 unarmed troops, and 16 civilians.

4 and 5 April
(report for 2 days)

North and southbound road traffic between Astara and Lenkoran included 37 vehicles carrying 14 officers, two unarmed troops, and three groups of armed troops, one truckload of armed troops.

Westbound road traffic from Astara to Masjed Mahalleh included eight vehicles carrying 11 officers and 15 unarmed troops.

Westbound road traffic from Astara to Alachai included four trucks of unarmed troops, one truckload of civilians, and two trucks carrying six officers and some troops.

East and westbound road traffic between Masjed Mahalleh and the post farthest west under observation included 14 vehicles carrying four officers, 21 armed and 25 unarmed troops, and 18 civilians; three truckloads of troops.

6 April

Northbound road traffic from Astara to Lenkoran consisted of seven vehicles carrying 34 armed troops and two civilians.

Southbound road traffic from Lenkoran to Astara consisted of 31 vehicles carrying 34 unarmed and 27 armed troops, one group of armed troops and two officers.

Westbound road traffic from Astara to Masjed Mahalleh included three vehicles carrying 27 armed troops and two officers.

Westbound road traffic from Masjed Mahalleh to the post farthest west under observation included nine vehicles carrying 43 armed and six unarmed troops, eight civilians, and two officers.

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7 April

Southbound road traffic from Lenkoran to Astara included 15 vehicles and one automobile full of troops.

Northbound road traffic from Astara to Lenkoran included four tanks.

Westbound road traffic from Astara to Masjed Mahalleh included two truckloads of unarmed troops.

Eastbound road traffic from Masjed Mahalleh to Astara included four vehicles carrying civilians, two officers, and two unarmed troops.

Two truckloads of troops moved towards Alachai (from Astara?).

Eastbound road traffic from the post farthest west under observation to Masjed Mahalleh included one truck carrying 25 troops.

Westbound road traffic from Masjed Mahalleh to the last western post included five vehicles carrying 58 troops and two civilians.

8 April

Southbound road traffic from Lenkoran to Astara included two truckloads of armed troops.

Northbound road traffic from Astara to Lenkoran included three groups of troops, one truck full of soldiers, and three vehicles carrying four officers and 12 armed troops.

One truck full of troops went from the Astara garrison to the Bagchi road.

Westbound road traffic from Astara to Masjed Mahalleh included three trucks carrying seven troops, eight officers, and four civilians.

Eastbound road traffic from Masjed Mahalleh to Astara included one truck carrying four armed troops and two officers.

Westbound road traffic from Masjed Mahalleh to the last post to the west included three vehicles carrying 34 armed troops and two civilians.

Eastbound road traffic from the last post to the west to Masjed Mahalleh included two vehicles carrying two officers and unarmed troops.

6. Lutfabad
no date given

Two carloads of weapons carriers went by rail from Ashkhabad to Kaskha.

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